



# Bear Facts

The Weekly Newsletter of  
Bethany Lutheran School  
Long Beach, CA  
[www.bethanylutheran.org](http://www.bethanylutheran.org)  
Learn+Love+Lead+Serve



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



We felt the LOVE last week for Teacher Appreciation Week. I need to throw in my two cents about our wonderful teachers!

What do I appreciate?

- I appreciate their dedication to the art of teaching and their willingness to add new tools to their teaching toolbox.
- I appreciate their love for their Savior and their desire to see every one of their students with them at Jesus' feet someday.
- I appreciate their friendship and the way they support each other (and me) when the chips are down.
- I appreciate their dedication to Bethany's ministry and the hundreds of ways they serve their Savior outside the classroom.

"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel..."  
Philippians 1:4-6

*Blessed to be at Bethany,  
Dr. Fink*

P.S. Looking for some summer academic enrichment for your kids? Check out the Summer Bridge books [available on Amazon](#). We have samples you can peruse here in the school office.



VBS June 27-July 1  
8:30-12:00

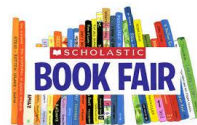
Visit Bethany's website  
([www.bethanylutheran.org](http://www.bethanylutheran.org)) and check out our VBS webpage!

Send your kids on a desert adventure!  
At Monumental VBS, kids celebrate God's greatness!

Here's a direct link to register children ages 5 (entering Kindergarten) through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.  
<https://bit.ly/VBSregister22>

Want to help? Join our VBS Team for a week of fun as we celebrate God's Monumental Greatness!

Here's a direct link to volunteer to help with VBS. Volunteers are for those entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older!  
<https://bit.ly/VBSvolunteer22>



The Book Fair is open after school each day this week (and each class has a chance to visit during the school day.) Thanks, Mrs. Aguilera!!

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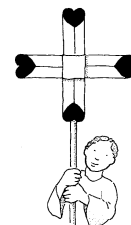
## DON'T FORGET

- ☉ May 9-10 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sacramento Trip
- ☉ May 13-K-2 Spring Musical, 1:30 and 6:30
- ☉ May 16-27 MAP Testing
- ☉ May 17-PTL Meeting, 6:30
- ☉ May 20-Middle School Dance
- ☉ May 27-Spring Holiday-No School
- ☉ May 30-No School-Memorial Day
- ☉ June 3-TALENT SHOW RETURNS!
- ☉ June 5-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 4:00 PM
- ☉ June 6-FUN DAY CARNIVAL!

## Who's leading chapel this week?

- 5/11-Miss Arzaga
- 5/18-8<sup>th</sup> Graders
- 5/25-Mrs. Blake

*Parents, you are always welcome to join us at 9:00 in the sanctuary!*





The FISHin' Hole  
*Opportunities to Serve*

Did you know you can report your FISH hours [online](#)?



Our May/June chapel offerings will go to the Long Beach Animal Shelter.

**Bethany Music Academy**

**Spring Recital**

**May 15 1:00 PM**

*Please join us!*



### Used Jeans and Pants Needed!

The Student Success Program is working on an up-cycle project and needs your used pants and jeans. Any size, any style, but especially women's and girl's jeans with fancy designs on the back pockets. Please bring them to the school office to Mrs. Cerulle by Thursday, May 26.

**SPRING FEVER!**



**RaiseRight™**

Formerly ShopWithScrip

We are in the second month of a new Scrip year (Rebate period is from April to March of the following year.) I wanted to take a moment to remind you that the minimum rebate amount has changed from \$2.50 to \$25. This means that you must earn at least \$25 in rebates in order for it to be applied to your tuition/ministry choice. This is easily accomplished with just a few purchases a year. Remember to use gift cards to make your purchases and not just use them as gifts. I personally have a reloadable grocery card that I use every time I shop. If it is running low on funds I can add money to it using the RaiseRight app while I'm shopping and it will be ready to use when I check out. I never miss out on an opportunity to earn while grocery shopping! That's just one example of how you can easily earn a great rebate. I have lots of ideas to help you do the same - just ask me how!

Ruth Lopez, Scrip Coordinator

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### Middle School Corner

#### *These are a few of our favorite things (8<sup>th</sup> grade edition)*

- \*I will never forget our 4<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Sacramento when we got stuck in the airport all night! It was unforgettable and amazing.
- \*My favorite memory from my time at Bethany would have to be the 8th grade D.C. trip. It was full of thrills and great sights; a grand time. The Washington Monument, towering above DC, beautiful museums, and the gorgeous memorials gave me a multitude of memories I cannot forget. \*Seeing the unforgettable views from Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home, and walking along the trails there was a truly exceptional time.
- \*I loved the Natural History Museum Fossil Hall because I liked to see all of the fossils of the extinct animals and learn some interesting facts about them and being able to see them up close, and I also really enjoyed being able to see the lab where the scientists work, and where I could see a Coelophysis skeleton being carefully moved.
- \*My favorite memory had to be Astrocamp. This was the first sleep-away trip I ever went on and it was so much fun. We did things with model rockets, looked at constellations and a bunch of fun activities. I also got to spend most of my time with my friends.
- \*One of my favorite memories at Bethany was the class trip to Catalina. I liked going swimming and just hanging out with my friends by the beach. The trip totally brought us all together as a class and I'm so glad I had the opportunity to go.
- \*Out of all my memories here at Bethany, my favorite was all the times we went bowling during our years in 3rd-5th grade. Bowling with my friends and enjoying the time off from school and eating the food from the food court.
- \*One of my favorite memories would be doing Bear Team events throughout the years. I loved doing the events with some of my favorite teachers and some of my closest friends!
- \*I loved night swimming at Catalina with my class and seeing the bioluminescent algae. I also remember singing songs on the last day of fourth grade with my class.
- \*One of my most favorite memories was going Catalina. My favorite thing I did there was snorkeling and seeing the ocean life first hand.

**"All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King,  
the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen." I Timothy 1:17**

BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S  
KINDERGARTEN, 1ST, AND 2ND GRADE STUDENTS  
PRESENT

# WE LIKE SHEEP

A MUSICAL

"Love one another as I have loved you."  
John 15:12



FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022  
BETHANY LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
GYMNASIUM  
1:30 & 6:30 P.M.



# Well done, servants of the Lord!

Bethany Lutheran School announces the retirement of two of our beloved teachers.



*Mrs. Kim Imes  
44 years teaching,  
29 at Bethany*



*Mrs. Cheryl Stejskal  
25 years teaching,  
18 at Bethany*

Please join us for a celebration hosted by the Board of Schools on Sunday, June 12 after the 8:00 service

Congratulatory cards and video greetings can be sent to Dr. Mary Fink by June 6:

[mfink@bethanylutheran.org](mailto:mfink@bethanylutheran.org)

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Attn: Retirement

We are also collecting cards in the Narthex

